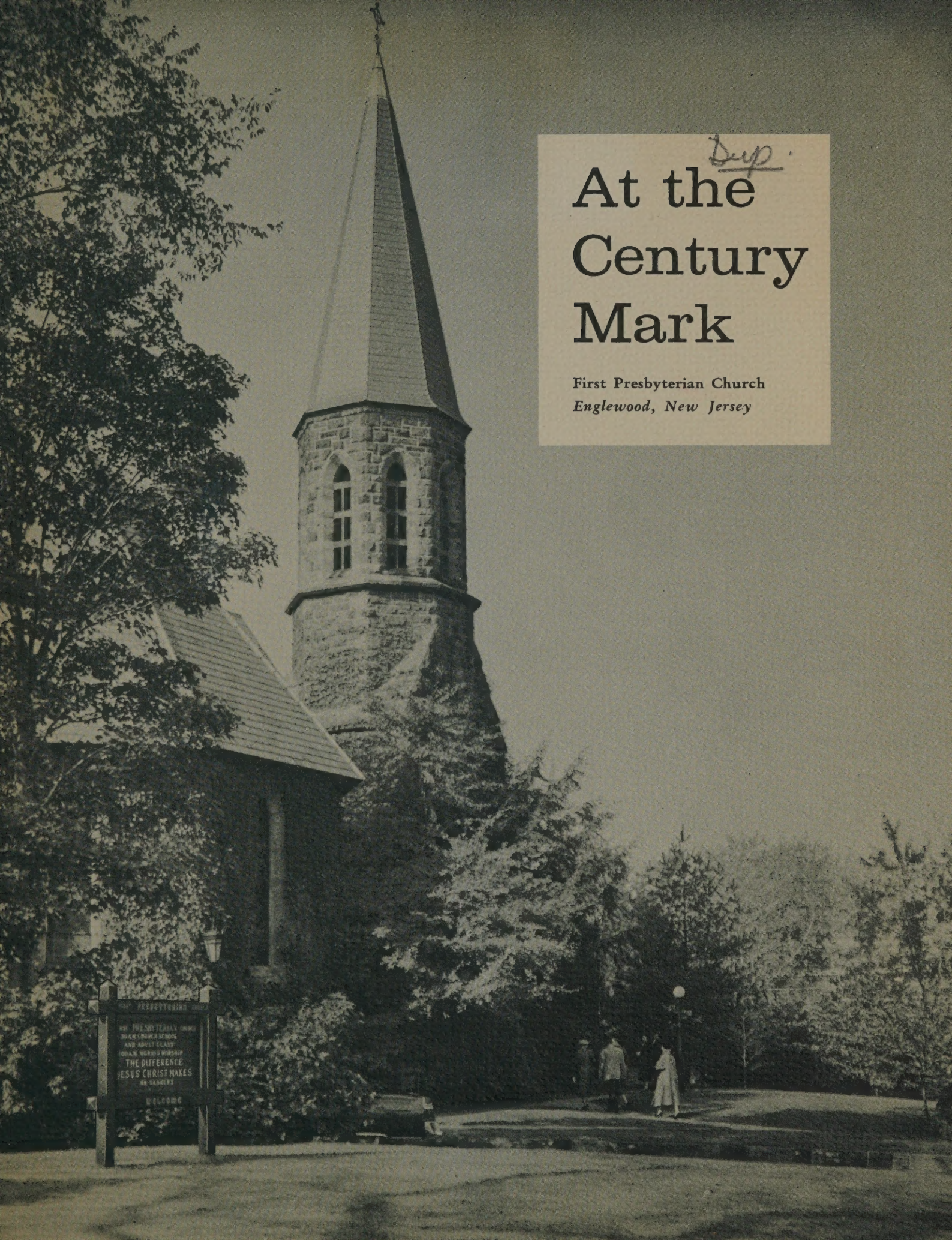
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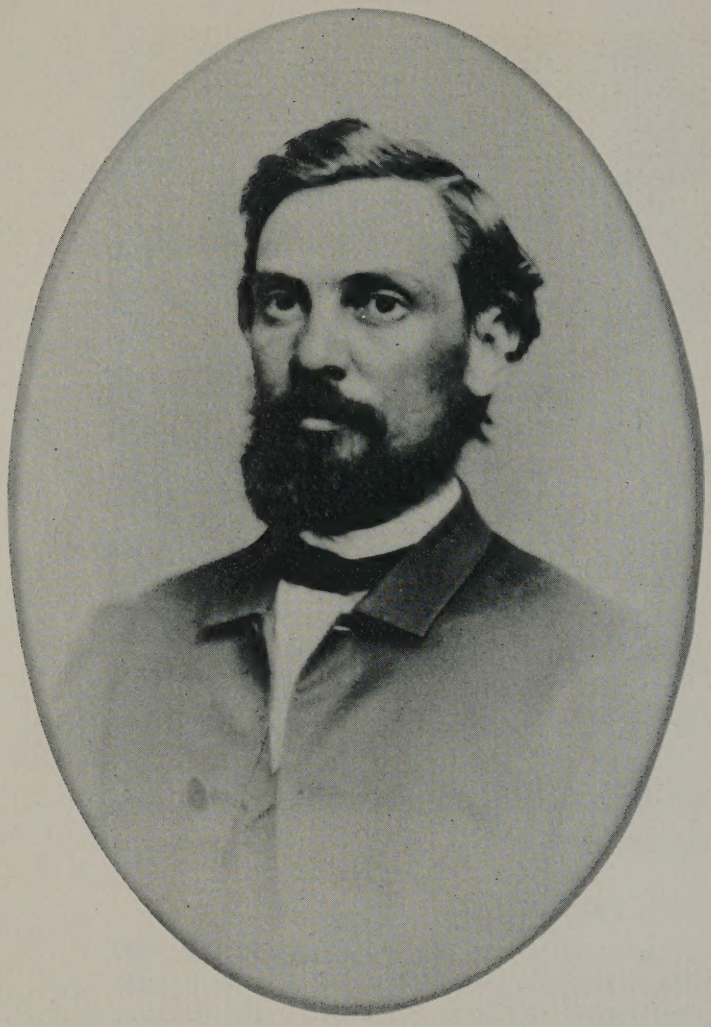
The First Church Built in Englewood

ONLY A CENTURY AGO men and women of good will were holding religious services in a small schoolhouse in part of a rural community known as the English Neighborhood, which was to become Englewood.

Connected with the founding of this church, whose centennial we celebrate, action was taken which was probably without parallel in American religious history of that time, and which has strongly influenced this church and community down to the present day. Quoting from the Rev. Carl H. Elmore's eloquent sermon on the occasion of the 75th anniversary, Sunday, November 3, 1935; "Consider this extraordinary circumstance. The first meeting house our church occupied was actually built and dedicated before the worshippers within it even considered what kind of a church it was to become. Has this situation a parallel anywhere in American church history? I doubt it. With such traditions behind us, how could we be anything but broadminded in our attitude? How could it fail to seem far more important to us to be Christian than to be Presbyterian?" Funds, land, stone, lumber and labor were donated by persons of various denominations, and a handsome stone chapel 50′ x 25′ was erected on the site of the present church. It was completed March 25, 1860.

At a meeting in the chapel on May 30, 1860 there were 60 persons present and 18 became members. Of these, nine were Presbyterian, three Congregational and six Dutch Reformed. Yet in this time, when denominational feeling ran high and difference in creed often severed personal friendships, nine of these men and women of intelligence, strong will and deep religious convictions gave up the denominations in which they had been reared in order that perfect harmony might prevail, and all voted for one denomination. Accordingly, on June 4, 1860, under the name of the Presbyterian Church of Englewood, New Jersey, they affiliated with the Fourth Presbytery of New York, and became the first Presbyterian church in Bergen County. Some years later it transferred to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

The church from its inception has been blessed with men of deep Christian devotion, of foresight, intelligence and keen business acumen; men who were glad to work together, despite differences of personal opinion, in the service of the Master and for the welfare of their beloved church. Among those who were to serve the church throughout its history were men who would influence world and national affairs and would set their stamp on the town they helped create.



James Harrison Dwight
1860-1867

The first minister of the new church, the Rev. James Harrison Dwight, was installed June 20, 1860, with a salary of $750 per year. He was a son of the Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, a missionary to Turkey, and was born on the Isle of Malta. He was graduated from Yale, studied medicine, and in 1855 was graduated from Union Theological Seminary. During the Civil War he was on leave of absence from the autumn of 1861 to the spring of 1863, during which time he served as chaplain, aide-de-camp and surgeon with the 66th Regiment of New York Volunteers, and was mentioned in orders for bravery. Because of ill health he resigned his pastorate on May 1, 1867.

The first elders of the new church were Sheppard Homans, Charles A. Nichols, and James Vanderbeek. The first trustees were Sheppard Homans, John Van Brunt and J. Wyman Jones, whose enthusiasm drew many new settlers to the village for which he suggested its present name. Mr. Jones was also the first "Sabbath School" superintendent, sang in the first church quartet and he was one of the first two deacons who were elected, John J. DeMott being the second. Members—our Honor Roll—were Mrs. Isabella Steel Walker McCulloh, wife of James S. McCulloh, Moses Hall Church and Mrs. Caroline Hall Church; Sheppard Homans and Mrs. Sallie S. Homans; William B. Dwight and Mrs. Eliza S. Dwight; Jeffries A. Humphrey and Mrs. Juliet M. Humphrey, J. Wyman Jones and Mrs. Harriet Dana Jones; John E. Jones and Mrs. John E. Jones; James Vanderbeek and Mrs. Margaret Vanderbeek; Mrs. Margaret Fisher and Mrs. Margaret VanBrunt.

THE TOWN

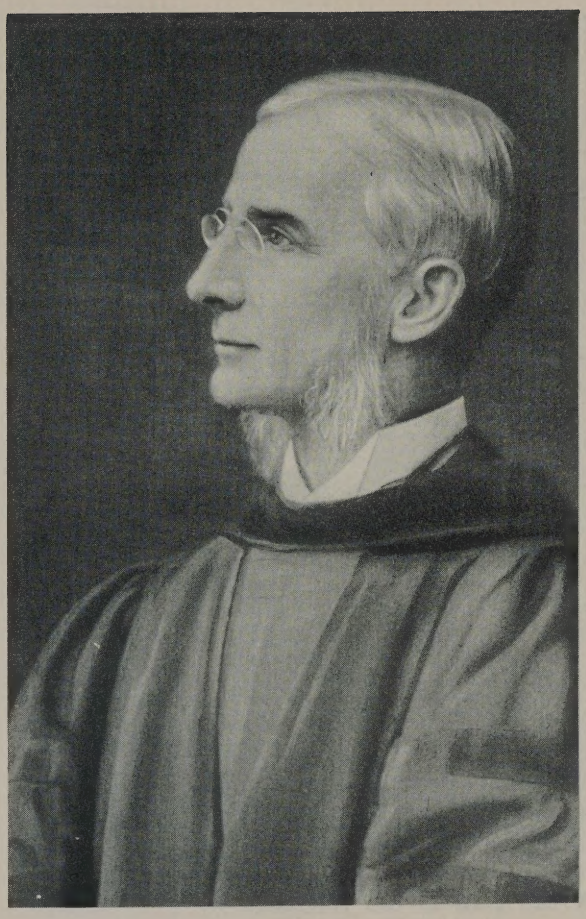
In the new village of Englewood, which had only three farmhouses when first surveyed in 1859, fourteen men enlisted in the 22nd Infantry. The first physician, Dr. Hardy M. Banks, opened an office. James Wasson Duell, later principal of the first public school, had already started his "School for Boys" where our first religious services were also held. The Englewood Seminary for Young Ladies, ancestor of Dwight School for Girls, was founded by Jonathan A. Fowler and William B. Dwight, a brother of the first pastor of the new church. The second church in the village was dedicated by the Methodists on December 22, 1863. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with which most cordial relations have always existed, met in the Presbyterian Church until its first building was erected on Engle Street on July 11, 1865. St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church followed with its first building in 1866.

THE WORLD

Between 1859 and the end of the first pastorate the world was to see the election of Abraham Lincoln as president and the horrors of the Civil War, while the first battle between iron-clad ships was to revolutionize naval history. During this time California was linked to the east by the pony express. The Dominion of Canada was formed, Alaska was purchased, and Kansas, West Virginia, Nevada and Nebraska were admitted to the union. In the White House were Presidents James Buchanan, Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. The population of the United States was 39,810,500.

Henry Matthias Booth
1867-1891

The Rev. James Matthias Booth was installed as the second pastor of the church on September 19, 1867. He was born in England, where he received his early education. He was later graduated from Union Theological Seminary. During his long and successful pastorate the church grew from 35 communicants to 550, and also grew greatly in spiritual and material strength. His sermons for children, preached monthly on Sunday afternoons, set a high standard.



The New Church

The little chapel became crowded. By June 27, 1867 a fund of $24,515 was subscribed by 61 members for the erection of a new stone church seating 800 just west of the original chapel on the site of our present sanctuary. The first service in the new church was held April 17, 1870 and it was formally dedicated November 9, 1870. The organ was presented by David Hoadley, the bell by Charles A. Nichols, Joseph Lyman and Washington R. Vermilye, and the furnishings by the ladies of the congregation. The total cost of the new church and equipment was around $56,000. Plans were drawn by G. Fletcher Babb of New York, the masonry was erected by Henry Lewis, and A. D. Bogert & Bros. did the carpentry work. The building committee consisted of J. Wyman Jones, George S. Coe, James Vanderbeek and Washington R. Vermilye.

In 1880 extensive alterations were made in the arrangements of the pulpit and choir gallery. The transepts were rebuilt and enlarged in 1884 at a cost of about $18,000, in accordance with plans made by the noted New York architect, J. Cleveland Cady, father of Mrs. Robert H. Cory. The builders were Henry Jones and J. F. Fitschen.

The Vermilye Memorial Chapel, designed by Potter and Robertson, and dedicated April 26, 1878, was erected by Mrs. Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, who presented it to the congregation in memory of her parents, Colonel Washington Romeyn Vermilye and Elizabeth Lathrop Vermilye. It stands on the site of the original chapel which had been removed to Brookside Cemetery, Englewood. The Vermilye Memorial Chapel, with certain alterations, is still in active use.

Dwight Chapel replaced "a common dance house—a veritable Synagogue of evil," to quote the Rev. Dr. Booth. It was erected in January 1883 at Palisade Avenue and William Street and donated to our trustees by I. Smith Homans, a former member of the congregation. It was used many years by the Sunday School of the Calvary Mission for Negroes, for educational classes, lectures, fairs and various social activities. The building was later transferred to the West Side Presbyterian Church and was moved to Palisade and Lafayette Avenues. What is now Bethany Presbyterian Church was erected on its original site.

Twenty Fifth Anniversary

In 1885 the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the church was celebrated with services which included a sermon and historical address by the Rev. Dr. Booth. He reviewed the founding of the village of Englewood, the organization of the Undenominational Religious Association, its development into the present church, the building of the first chapel and the early days of the community. His address was printed in book form and is preserved in the church archives. In those times when a ten hour day was worked six days each week, and transportation from home to office was slow and laborious, members of this church were devoting long hours every Sunday in work for Sabbath Schools in the following places: Cresskill, in charge of

Charles E. Blauvelt; Undercliff, under Ezra C. Dillingham; Highwood, founded by William G. Vermilye; Teaneck, directed by George Coe, Jr., and in Englewood Cliffs. Dr. Booth notes that the first church Sabbath School, as well as a nursery, were under the superintendency of J. Wyman Jones and J. Hugh Peters, although other records list George S. Gray as organizing the School. A Missionary Society, composed of teachers and students in the Sabbath School, was working in New York in connection with the City Mission and Tract Society, to which they gave their time and to which they sent clothing, food, medicine and funds for house rent. Associated with it was "The Helping Hand" which conducted religious services and aided in benevolent work in DeWitt Memorial Church, long in charge of the Rev. Harris Ely Adriance. The Women's Missionary Society, started in 1873, contributed $500 per year to the support of the "Englewood Schools" at Schweifat, Syria. The Home Missionary Society "more recently formed" devoted its major activities to the support of a teacher in the Christian School in Utah, and the education of a native in Sitka, Alaska. The Wilder Memorial Society raised $60 per year for the education of a child in a mission school. Since 1872 the Relief Committee had "watched over the care" of the poor in the township.

Owing to ill health the Rev. Dr. Booth resigned from his long and fruitful pastorate on April 30, 1891. After extensive travel in Europe he was for a time assistant to the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke at the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, then taught at Auburn Theological Seminary, of which he became president in May, 1893. He served as a trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary and of Union Theological Seminary, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

THE TOWN

The year the Rev. Mr. Booth arrived in Englewood subscriptions were circulated for funds to erect the first public school, and the next year the Village Improvement Society was formed. It installed oil street lamps, planted trees and saw to the removal of rubbish. The town's first newspaper, the Englewood Times, started in 1874. It eventually became the Englewood Press-Journal. Gas mains were laid in 1869, water mains in 1886, and the telephone arrived in 1883. Englewood Hospital was chartered in 1888 and opened its first building in 1890. The clergy praised stores for "early" closing by 8:00 p.m., except on Saturdays, and carpenters started agitation for a nine hour day.

THE WORLD

The second pastorate of the church covered almost a quarter of a century, during which our nation's population had grown to 62,947,717 in 1890. It included parts of the administrations of Presidents Andrew Johnson, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland (first term) and Benjamin Harrison. Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming became states. A golden spike driven at Ogden, Utah, celebrated the completion of the first transcontinental railway, and the Suez Canal was opened. The country went through the panic of 1873. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, Thomas A. Edison the phonograph. George Eastman produced the Kodak and Daimler built the first operational automobile. The Brooklyn Bridge was completed, the first electric railway operated in Baltimore, and the Statue of Liberty was unveiled.

James Eels
1891-1898



The Rev. James Eells was graduated from Hamilton College in 1887 and from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1889. He was installed September 24, 1891 as the third pastor and served until February 21, 1898. He came from a long line of clergymen. The first James Eells in America was pastor of the church at Glastonbury, Conn. from 1745 to 1805, and his father, also named James Eells, was pastor of the Pierrepont Dutch Reformed Church, Brooklyn, but had a summer residence in Englewood where our third minister was born on November 19, 1865. He was a natural choice as he had occupied the pulpit during the Rev. Dr. Booth's last summer vacation.

Two events of lasting interest in the church occurred on April 23, 1894—the opening of the manse, built at a cost of $16,000, and the promise of the Rev. Mr. Eells to aid in the founding of what became the West Side Presbyterian Church. The promise was made to Thomas B. Kerr who, together with Louis V. Davison, F. Murray Olyphant, and Roscoe K. Ingalls, had been conducting services and a Sunday School in the west side of town which represented about half the population of Englewood, but was largely undeveloped, almost without street lights or sidewalks, and too far from our church to be easily reached. The group first met in private houses, and then outgrew quarters in the private school of Dr. August Kursteiner. At the suggestion of the Rev. Mr. Eells, who prepared documents which were approved by Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, president of the Board of Trustees of our church, a meeting was held on December 6, 1898 at which the "West Side Union Chapel of Englewood, N. J." was organized and a charter secured. Next, Dwight Chapel was given to the new nondenominational group. It was moved to Palisade and Lafayette Avenues and the Calvary Mission (now Bethany Presbyterian Church) was provided with a new building on its former site. The new group followed the example of the first Presbyterian church when, on March 25, 1898, an organization meeting was held at which 52 voted in favor of affiliating with the Presbyterian denomination, 22 were in favor of its becoming Congregational, 20 Episcopal, five Baptist and two Dutch Reformed. On the next ballot those present voted unanimously in favor of becoming the West Side Presbyterian Church. Twenty-two members of our church joined the newly formed congregation on one certificate.

THE TOWN

By 1900 Englewood's population had grown to 6,252. The Woman's Club was formed October 14, 1894, and the first trolley cars ran from Jersey City to Dean Street and Englewood Avenue on July 11, 1891.

THE WORLD

The motor age was ushered in during the third pastorate of the church when Charles E. Duryea's "gasoline buggy" made its first run in 1892, followed the next year by Edison's silent motion pictures, and Marconi's first wireless telegraph patents. Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen later discovered the X-ray, radium was produced by Pierre and Madame Curie and G. Bemont, Cuba revolted, and the Spanish-American War resulted. President Harrison finished his term, Cleveland his second term, and William McKinley was elected. Utah became a state in 1896. In 1890 the country's population was 75,994,525.

Rev. Samuel Munce Hamilton
1899-1908



The Rev. Samuel Munce Hamilton, D.D., was ordained as fourth pastor of the church on May 2, 1899 and served until July 1, 1908 when he retired because of ill health. A scholar of note, he was born near Belfast, Ireland, and received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Queen's College and Queen's University, then graduated in Theology from Presbyterian College. He was called to the Scotch Presbyterian Church in New York where he was pastor from October 1873 to 1891, and was a trustee of New York University, from which he received his degree of D.D. He was pastor of Warren Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky., from 1891 until he was called to the Presbyterian Church of Englewood. He was aged 91 when he died April 24, 1927. During his pastorate the Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1901.

THE TOWN

During 1899 Englewood was incorporated as Bergen County's first city on April 11. Elbert A. Brinckerhoff was elected the first mayor, the Board of Health was established, the Englewood Hospital School for Nurses graduated its first class—and doctors were warning cyclists against the use of alcohol. In 1900 the congregation of Ahavath Torah erected the first orthodox synagogue in Bergen County, St. Paul's Episcopal Church opened its new building, and ground was broken for the town's first apartment house, the Bergen building. The new Englewood Free Library building, presented by Donald Mackay, opened in 1901. In 1907 Mr. Mackay made the city a Christmas present of the park and playing fields in the Fourth Ward which bear his name.

THE WORLD

During the next nine years a world weary of wars saw the first Universal Peace Conference called at The Hague and the establishment of the first International Arbitration Court. The Philippine-American War, the Boxer Rebellion in China and the Russo-Japanese War took their toll. The Wright brothers made their first flight. President Theodore Roosevelt signed a treaty with the new Republic of Panama covering the building of the Panama Canal originally surveyed by Spain in 1535. It opened to traffic in 1914. To safeguard the lives of those working on the canal, Dr. Walter Reed began his campaign against yellow fever. The Ford Motor Company was organized in 1903 and began making its road-revolutionizing car. The first New York subway opened in 1904, and the financial panic struck in 1902.



Robert Davis
1910-1919

The Rev. Robert Davis was installed as the fifth pastor of the church on May 19, 1910, half a century after it was founded. He was not only a clergyman, but also an author, Red Cross executive and newspaper war correspondent. He was born in Beverly, Mass., was graduated from Dartmouth in 1903, then from Union Theological Seminary, and took graduate work at Harvard and Columbia. He was assistant pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, when called to the pastorate here. During much of the war he was on leave of absence. He served as a Major in the Red Cross in Europe, was managing director of the American Hospital in Paris, traveled in Russia, acted as a special correspondent for the New York Herald-Tribune during the Spanish Civil War and wrote the official biography of General Franco. In 1936 he returned to this country to teach at Middlebury College, Vermont, and was acting pastor of the Union Church at Proctor, Vt., until his death at age 69.

Again The Church Grows

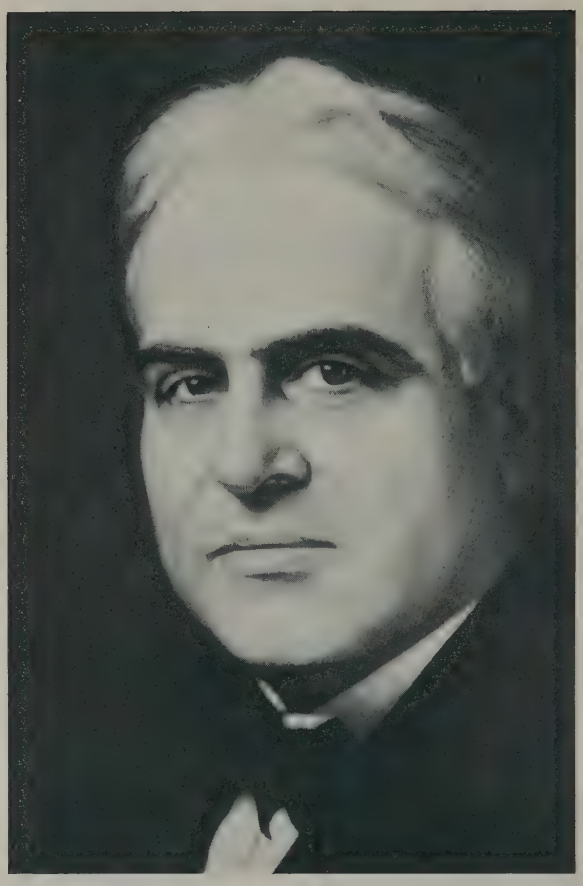
During the Rev. Mr. Davis' pastorate, despite the clouds of war, the growth of the church was marked by enlargements of the nave and chancel and the installation of a number of beautiful stained glass windows, the work of Henry W. Young of New York, and an organ built by Hook and Hastings of Boston. The total cost of the improvements, made between April and December of 1917 was about $85,000, subscribed by over 600 members of the congregation. Two hundred and thirty four members of the Junior Congregation contributed bricks, marked with the name of the donor, which were built into the church walls. A record of the re-dedication of the church on November 16, 1917 is contained in the Church Year Book of 1917. Charles Collins, of Boston, was the architect and the W. H. Whyte Company, of Hackensack, the builder. The building committee consisted of Frederick S. Duncan, Josiah R. Melcher, George H. Payson and Samuel S. Campbell. During 1917 Memorial House, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Imbrie of our church, started as the "Italian Mission", was dedicated, as was the new Bethany Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Davis resigned his pastorate on May 1, 1919. An echo of his ministry is a special arrangement of "Away in a Manger" which he brought with him from the Brick Church. It has been continuously sung for 32 years by Willard Amison during the Christmas services.

THE CITY

In Englewood, which had a population of 9,924 in 1910, the first paid Fire Department was established, and the local Red Cross was organized in 1915. Not only did our young men and women respond to the call to duty during the war, but every appeal for Red Cross aid, War Bonds or other war effort met and far surpassed assigned quotas. With Camp Merritt just outside the city limits all efforts were made in behalf of those leaving for the war, which cost the lives of 24 men from Englewood.

THE WORLD

The fifth pastorate followed Bleriot's flight across the English Channel, and covered much of the perilous times during the administration of Presidents William Howard Taft and Woodrow Wilson. New Mexico and Arizona became states. The Boy Scouts of America was formed in 1910 and the Girl Scouts followed two years later. China became a republic, the "unsinkable" Titanic went down after striking an iceberg, and the Panama Canal was opened. In 1914 World War I began, which was to cost the lives of 37,508,686. In 1919 the Treaty of Versailles was signed and Alcock and Brown made the first trans-Atlantic airplane flight from Ireland to Newfoundland.



Carl Hopkins Elmore
1920-1944

The Rev. Carl Hopkins Elmore was born in Maryville, Tenn., May 13, 1878. He attended Maryville College and transferred to Princeton where he received his B.A. degree, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and taught in private schools for the next four years. He was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1906, and followed this with graduate work at New College, Edinburgh, and at Marburg University, Germany. Later he was pastor of the Briarcliff (N.Y.) Congregational Church, where he remained until 1920, except for the year 1913 during which he travelled in the Orient and attended a summer semester at Berlin University, and from October 1917 until October 1918 when he worked in France with the Y.M.C.A. during the first World War. Perhaps he was somewhat overawed when visited by the Englewood "Committee on New Minister" in his pipe littered bachelor's study. Its chairman was the Rev. Dr. T. H. Powers Sailer, and the other members were the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer, Mrs. Fred S. Bennett, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, Robert H. Cory, Cornelius P. Kitchel, Josiah R. Melcher, Mrs. Harris Ely Adriance, Charles F. Park, Jr., and H. Rowland Vermilye. They did a good job of selling for he became the sixth pastor of this church on May 18, 1920. He married one of his parishioners, Miss Amelia Josephine Burr, poet and author, November 18, 1921, and remained with us for 24 happy years until his resignation on June 1, 1944 because he felt the increasingly arduous duties should be assumed by a younger man. During his pastorate the church grew to over 1,000 members. Following his death at Bradenton, Florida, on October 20, 1957, resolutions passed by the Session described him as coming to this church as

> "a young pastor, full of energy and enthusiasm, with a heart attuned to the needs of all those with whom he came in contact. He quickly established a place of leadership in the church and community, the influence of which spread with the years far beyond our city and state as schools, colleges and civic and religious gatherings in many parts

of the nation received his words of inspiration and wisdom through his addresses and his writings. Despite his popularity he was a man of humility and completely without ostentation. With the benefit of study, travel and love of all that is good and beautiful, combined with a deep understanding that comes only with experience and with years, he met both the great and the humble with an appreciation and a sympathy that put all at their ease. He will long be remembered for his many secret acts of kindness. In our community he was zealous in all good works and led our Community Chest in successful campaigns."

One of the first of many forward movements initiated by the new pastor was the publication of The Church Record, edited by Mrs. Winifred Hildebrant, which fully covered parish activities and contributed greatly to the efficiency of the church. It was published from December 1920 until May, 1931. The envelope and budget system of giving was introduced in 1920. The church had 652 members at that time. The heart of the pastor was devoted to the welfare of the young of the community, and to the need for what might be termed a substitute in Englewood for the Y.M.C.A. With this in mind he secured Raymond C. Frank, who had come to the church as a tenor soloist, to organize work among the boys. This resulted in the formation of Boy Scout Troop 25 in 1924 (followed in 1928 by Troop 26 which is still in operation) and the organization of the Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cubs. The first dance for young people was held in the church in 1924.

Because of the existence of the West Side and Bethany Presbyterian churches, the name of our church was changed May 4, 1924 to "First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, New Jersey"

Parish House and Gymnasium

To further the work among young people a Parish House was commenced in 1925 and completed in 1926, at a cost of about $150,000, which was fully subscribed. This improvement provided increased and appropriate accommodations for the Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Primary Departments of the Sunday School. A combined gymnasium and room where plays could be staged, and locker rooms were included. The gymnasium cost was underwritten by Clinton V. Meserole, partly because of depredations on the part of "The Dirty Nine," made up of neighborhood boys who had no place in which to work off their surplus energies. It must have worked for some of them later became leading members of the congregation. This gymnasium was open to the young of all denominations and creeds, without regard to color or social position, good conduct, only, being required. Some alterations were made to the Vermilye Memorial Chapel and other facilities were added for the adult members of the congregation.

The financial committee consisted of Mr. Meserole, chairman; Mrs. Charles F. Park, Jr., Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, Mrs. William B. Scarborough, Mrs. Auguste G. Pratt, H. LeRoy Pitkin, Josiah R. Melcher, James S. Gilbert, Maxwell M. Upson, Malcolm S. Mackay, Arthur G. Sherwood, Frederick S. Duncan, Nathaniel Schroeder, Harris E. Adriance, Jr., Walter M. Merritt, George H. Payson, Herbert R. Johnson and Frederick S. Bennett.

As a memorial to her parents, Donald Mackay and Jennie W. Mackay, the extensive Playing Fields adjoining the east end of the church property were presented to the church by Miss Jennie L. Mackay. To this was added adjoining land given by Robert H. Cory and Clarence D. Kerr.

The renting of pews was abandoned in 1926 in favor of "Free Assigned Pews," and this system was changed to unassigned pews on April 24, 1935.

The Women's Church Council was formed in 1936 and on February 29, 1940 the present general Women's Association was organized.

Beautiful memorial windows, designed by Charles J. Connick, of Boston, were dedicated February 25, 1934 to commemorate Mrs. Isabella Steel McCulloh and Wilbur Fisk Corliss.

Seventy Fifth Anniversary

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the church was celebrated by two services. The first memorial service was held Thursday, May 30, 1935 in the little stone chapel in Brookside Cemetery —the same chapel which formerly stood on the site of our present church. Since the Rev. Mr. Elmore was ill at the time, the service was conducted by the officers of the church and by the Rev. Thornton B. Penfield who had served as acting pastor of the church prior to the call of the pastor. The service was "In Loving Memory of the Founders and Early Members of our Church and in Gratitude for the Inspiration of their Lives and for the Spirit of Religion implanted by them in our Community." The minutes of the original meeting in the handwriting of its secretary, Sheppard Homans, were read by Benjamin Dwight, a son of one of the founders and a nephew of its first pastor. They were re-

sponded to by descendants or relatives of the founding members as their names were called. After a simple communion service a procession led by the minister, elders and trustees, carrying the flags of the church, marched to the grave of the first pastor, the Rev. James Henry Dwight, where they deposited a memorial wreath and planted a flag. This ceremony was repeated in turn at the graves of the founding members of the church and of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Donald Mackay, benefactors; the Rev. Fisher Howe Booth, son of the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Booth, the second pastor; James Wasson Deuel, pioneer schoolmaster who lent his school to the newly organized church, and of Hugh Smith, faithful sexton of the church for over 50 years.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Commemorative Service was held in the church Sunday, November 3. Frederick S. Duncan made the address of welcome, followed by a stirring sermon by the Rev. Carl H. Elmore, copies of which are in a booklet in the church files. There were present many descendants of the founders and of early members, and delegations from churches with which ours has had especially close relations from the dates they were organized. They included St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church; the Norwood Presbyterian Church, in the organization of which J. Wyman Jones took an active part—presided over by the Rev. Mr. Penfield; the Teaneck Presbyterian Church, in which, from the start, Lebbeus Chapman and later George S. Coe, Jr. rendered many years of faithful service; Bethany Presbyterian Church which grew out of the work commenced by Samuel M. Riker, Henry Jones, Mrs. Edward C. Chapin, and George H. Payson; Highwood Church, founded and for many years conducted by William G. Vermilye, Sr. and members of his family; and the West Side Presbyterian Church where the names of Thomas B. Kerr and F. Murray Olyphant will forever be remembered for their devoted service.

The anniversary meetings ended Sunday evening, November 3, with a social gathering in Vermilye Chapel at which interesting and amusing anecdotes of the early days were told by Stuart Lyman, Mrs. Katharine Bennett and Mrs. Maude Jackson Hulst. Special decorations were bestowed by the pastor on the following who had been continuously members of the church for over 50 years: Katharine Bennett, James H. Coe and Mae Humphrey Coe, Martha Ella Deuel, Charles A. Corliss, Frederick S. Duncan and Emily Brinckerhoff Duncan, Sheppard Homans and Mrs. Gertrude Homans Parsons, George C. Humphrey, Elizabeth Lydecker and Katharine Lydecker, Stuart Lyman and Mary Clementine Lyman and Gerardus L. Miller, Others present who had joined the church more than 50 years ago included Talcott M. Banks, Mrs. William E. Hart, Charles S. McCulloh, Walter McCulloh, and James McCulloh, Mrs. Alice Stanley Coe Montgomery and Susan Lovejoy Wetmore. Announcement was made that there were about 60 persons living who had joined the church prior to November 3, 1885. The anniversary committee was composed of Frederick S. Duncan, Chairman, Mrs. Harris E. Adriance, Mrs. J. Wright Taussig, Mrs. Walter B. Carnes, Stuart Lyman, Josiah R. Melcher and Charles D. Schenck.

War Activities

During the second World War the church was in the forefront of activities literally too numerous to mention. Every hospitality that the church could extend was given to service men and women. To keep in touch with those from our own parish, and those at home on church happenings, a monthly printed newspaper, "The Church on the Hill", began publication November, 1942, at the initiative of the Rev. Mr. Elmore, its cost being defrayed by an anonymous elder. Each issue featured an editorial by Mr. Elmore and "The Interested Onlooker" by Mrs. Elmore. Its first issue showed 79 young men and women from our parish in the services. The January 1946 issue contained the names of 92 men and women who had served in the armed forces during World War I, with stars opposite the names of four who had died in service—George Bethune Best, Jr., Harold Kidder Bulkley, Rocco Gaglione and Richard Burton Rockland—plus the names of 14 civilian members of the parish who had rendered distinguished service. In this issue were the names of 144 of our young people then in active service in World War II and of 110 who had been honorably discharged. The last listing, in the issue of May 1946, showed that at that time there were still 90 in service, ten honorably discharged, and ten who had made the supreme sacrifice—William J. Barnes, Jr., Joseph C. Brady, George C. Browning, William E. Canniff, Joel S. Coffin, III, Lloyd George, Margaret Jeffrey, Edward J. Lord, Stewart Milligan and James Olney. The paper, in its original form, was discontinued with the February 1948 issue.

Our church joined the Ministerial Association when it was formed April 30, 1944.

Following his retirement, the Rev. Mr. Elmore was chairman of the 1944 campaign of the Community Chest which raised $147,936 against a quota of $144,450, and again in 1946 when $120,104 was raised against a quota of $118,000

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—a triumph achieved only nine times in the past 27 years. He also served churches in California, Arizona and the Rosar Memorial Church, Santa Maria Island, near his home in Bradenton, Florida, where he died October 27, 1957.

Miss Martha Deuel, aged 92, daughter of James Wasson Deuel, in whose school the early meetings were held before the founding of the church, and a lifelong member of the church, passed to her reward on November 29, 1954.

THE TOWN

After the first World War the population of Englewood began a rapid growth, especially following the dedication on October 26, 1931 of the George Washington Bridge. Between 1920 and 1940 the city grew from 11,627 to 18,966. Many of the original families died or their younger members moved to other communities, social customs changed, and new challenges confronted the churches. The War Memorial for the first war was erected in 1924 close to where the original Liberty Pole and the tavern of the same name had stood during the Revolutionary War. The Social Service Federation, formed May 11, 1924 in accordance with the recommendations of a committee headed by Mayor Clarence D. Kerr, combined the activities formerly carried on separately by the Civic Association and by Memorial House. The new Englewood Hospital was opened December 5, 1925, and a campaign to enlarge it to provide 120 additional beds was launched May 2, 1929. The "Little School," founded by Elizabeth Morrow, daughter of Dwight W. and Elizabeth C. Morrow, opened in 1930. Up to this time many charities had conducted separate drives. To avoid this duplication of time and effort and to reduce campaign costs, the Community Chest, advocated by Dwight W. Morrow, was formed in 1933, with Mrs. Morrow as chairman. A goal of $110,000 was set, and $114,000 was raised, with Englewood giving the largest amount per capita of any Chest in the national organization. Dwight W. Morrow High School was dedicated November 19, 1933. With the inroads of busses and automobiles making them unprofitable, trolleys were discontinued in May 1937.

THE WORLD

The longest pastorate of the church covered 24 years, during which nations rose and fell as a result of World War II. This pastorate covered parts or all of the administrations of Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, during which our national population grew to over 131,700,000.

The first decade was relatively quiet. It started with the inauguration and failure of the League of Nations. Prohibition became the law of the land, accompanied by open violation, bootlegging, bribery and gang warfare. Women at long last won the right to vote. The Port of New York Authority was formed in 1921. Adolph Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf" as a blueprint of what was to follow. Television was successfully demonstrated, radar was developed, radio came into practical use, and insulin and penicillin were discovered. Space shrank when Charles A. Lindbergh made his solo flight across the Atlantic. Hard times struck with the panic of 1929.

War followed war during the next 14 years. During 1937 the Lincoln Vehicular Tunnel was opened. World War II began with the German invasion of Poland Sept. 1, 1939, after she had signed a non-aggression pact with Russia. France and England declared war. 1940 was a year of German and Italian triumphs with the fall of the Baltic states, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Albania, Greece, the surrender of the Vichy French and the bombing of Britain. Japan attacked at Pearl Harbor. We and our allies were to fight desperate battles on land, at sea, and in the air on every continent throughout the world.

Edwin Oliver Kennedy
1944-1952



The Rev. Edwin Oliver Kennedy, D.D., a scholar with strong convictions and great organizing ability, with wide experience in church and civic organizations and a deep interest in young people, began his pastorate here on July 1, 1944. He was born in New York on January 31, 1900. He was graduated in 1921 with an A.B. degree from Union College, where he took honors in English and was the commencement speaker, and in 1924 was graduated from Union Theological Seminary, magna cum laude. The degree of D.D. was conferred on him by Carroll College in 1938. He was student assistant at the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York from 1922 to 1924 when he became pastor of the Ridgeview Community Presbyterian Church, West Orange. In 1934 he accepted a call to the Christ Presbyterian Church of Madison, Wisconsin which is considered one of the outstanding churches of the state. In Madison he was at different times president of the Council of Churches, vice president of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Moderator of the Presbytery of Madison, on the executive committee of the Community Union (similar to our Community Chest), was active in a large number of war service committees, and was a member of the Rotary Club. He was service pastor under the Presbyterian War Time Service Commission at Camp Benning, Ga., in November, 1943, and at Camp Butner, N. C., January 1944.

Work in behalf of those in the armed services continued with unabated zeal. One of the most important developments was the formation of the Service Wives' Club, open to all faiths, which brought together young women in a common bond of anxiety and sympathy for each other's problems. Later many of them and their husbands united with the church. Then came CARE packages for families in the war devastated areas, and still later, aid here for displaced persons.

Memorial Windows

The next eight years saw radical changes in the church and its services, which increased in beauty and dignity, and active membership rolls were thoroughly revised. The five windows illustrating Christ's life were dedicated October 29, 1944, in memory of General Samuel A. Duncan and his wife, Juliet J. Duncan, who were active members of the church from the time they moved to Englewood in 1877. They were the gift of Frederick S. Duncan, his wife, Emily Brinckerhoff Duncan and his sister, Mrs. Alice Duncan Jenkins. Their beauty of design and coloring reflected credit on Charles I. Connick and his studio. The service was conducted by the minister, and the prayer of dedication was given by the Rev. Carl H. Elmore. Others who are kept in loving remembrance through previously dedicated memorial windows bearing their names are:

Charles Edward Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries A. Humphrey, in 1882

David Hoadley, an early elder of the church, in 1885

Elizabeth Stockton Green, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Ashbel Green, in 1889

Olivia Hoadley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hoadley, long a beloved teacher in the Church School, in 1892

William Walter Phelps, in 1895

The Founders and Early Officers of the church, in 1906

Katharine N. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Livingston K. Miller, in 1914

Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff, elder, trustee and devoted friend of the church, in 1918

Harold Kidder Bulkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Bulkley, in 1919

The Shields of the Allied Nations, in 1919

Donald Mackay, Trustee, friend and benefactor of the church, in 1924

All of the name of Booth, Who have Ministered to the Welfare of the Church and Community, in 1924

Frederic March Burr, trustee and friend of the Church, in 1925

Those of the Cory and Lyman families who have served and worshipped here, in 1931

Isabella Steel McCulloh, one of the founders of the church in 1860, in 1933

Wilbur Fisk Corliss, a long time trustee and friend of the church, in 1933

Sheppard Homans and Sallie Houston Homans, two of the founders of the church, in 1934

The Baptismal Font was given in 1920 in memory of J. Pierrepont Blake

The Pulpit was given in 1920 in memory of Louis Heman Burr

The Chancel Rug was given in 1925 in memory of Mrs. Jane H. Pitkin

Women Take a Front Seat

The changing status of women in the church and congregation was recognized with the election of Mrs. Malcolm S. Mackay as the first woman trustee on April 15, 1945. The report for the year of 1944-45 was presented in printed form for the first time at the annual meeting so that all interested could see the extent of the various activities carried on by our church. The year 1946 saw many changes. Raymond C. Frank who was in active charge of boys' work for 25 years resigned on March 5. He returned, under the Rev. Mr. Atwood, on April 15, 1954 as Director of Special Activities, which include emphasis on physical activities for boys. The Rev. Merlin A. Ditmer, Jr., who had been a chaplain on active duty in the navy, was engaged as assistant pastor on April 18; William Janauschek, organist and choir director, resigned after 24 years of service. He was replaced as full time director by Hans Vigeland, who reorganized musical activities with the formation of Junior and Senior choirs, in addition to the four soloists and the Chancel Choir which appeared for the first time in its maroon robes. The organ was reconditioned and rededicated October 20. During the year Miss Corrine I. Clark presented the public address system to the church, followed soon afterward by her gift of the two-apartment house at 71 Chestnut Street to be used as a manse for the assistant pastor and others engaged in the work of the church. The manse itself had undergone a major "face lifting" operation prior to the arrival of the Kennedys. During 1947 Charles I. Springer retired as building superintendent after 30 years of service, during which he made many contributions, especially in solving the problem of lighting the window in the back of the chancel. He was followed by Thomas Izatt who considers anything in the environs that is not spotless as a disgrace. Additional recognition was given to women when, at the annual meeting, Mrs. Cortlandt B. Donaldson, Mrs. James S. Baker, Miss Katherine Gardner, Mrs. David B. Baxter and Mrs. Albert C. Lord were elected deacons. New and greatly improved lighting was installed. New hymnals were presented to the church and chapel as a memorial to Robert H. Cory by his wife and three sons. Through the gift of anonymous members of the congregation the church acquired in 1948 a valuable plot of land extending from Dwight Place 400′ along the south side of the church property to the Mackay playing fields.

Vardy Community Center

After 27 years of faithful, creative and constructive work at Vardy (Tenn.) Community Center, which he had pioneered, the Rev. Chester F. Leonard resigned on May 1 because of ill health. Starting in an isolated, poverty-stricken and hostile community, with the aid of our church, he created what became a model as a center with religious, educational, social and recreational facilities.

The last barrier to full participation by women in the management of church affairs fell when Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow and Mrs. Paul deN. Burrowes were elected to the Session at the annual meeting on January 30, 1949.

A new two story church school wing was added to the Parish house during 1950, the church was rewired throughout, the manse dec-



The Sanctuary as it is Today



orated and other improvements made following a successful building fund campaign which raised $78,854. The new wing provided eight additional rooms for church school use, a new study for the pastor, and a large basement which became available for clubs and other uses. John Wright Harvey succeeded Hans Vigeland in charge of church music.

The Rev. Mr. Ditmer resigned in 1951 to re-enter religious work in the navy and was succeeded by the Rev. Robert I. Miller who had charge of religious education and was ordained as associate minister on April 26, 1952. The present Men's Council was formed in 1953. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy resigned as of June 1, 1952 to become secretary of Union Theological Seminary.

THE TOWN

During this eight year period Englewood, with a population of 22,145 by 1950, was busy with blood banks and bond drives; the salaries of teachers, police, firemen and other civic employes were raised; veteran housing and relief were major issues, and Chest drives were held with varying degrees of success, as were Red Cross appeals.

THE WORLD

With our seventh pastorate came the Age of the Atom. During 1944 the Allies were everywhere victorious on land, sea and air on all fronts. The following year Italy changed sides, Mussolini was shot and Hitler committed suicide, followed by the surrender of Germany on May 7. The United States broke the remaining resistance in Japan and the horrors of the atom bombs became evident when they were dropped on Hiroshima on August 6 and on Nagasaki on August 9, with a combined loss of 152,034 lives. Japan surrendered August 14. At Yalta, Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill gave Communist Russia a clear track to enslave millions of previously free people. The United Nations Conference on International Organization of 46 nations was held in San Francisco between April 26 and June 26, 1945—with Russia holding a veto. During 1949 Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, Israel declared itself a free state, and Berlin was saved from Communism by the air lift. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed and the German Federal Republic was established. The Korean war began in 1950. Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president Nov. 2, 1952.



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Bertram deHeus Atwood
1953-1959

The Rev. Bertram deHeus Atwood was installed as the eighth minister of the church on April 26, 1953, coming from the 300-year-old First Reformed Church of Schenectady, New York, "The Pioneering Church of the Mohawk Valley." There he succeeded the Rev. Clark V. Poling, one of the four heroic chaplains—Jewish, Catholic and Protestant — who went down with the "Dorchester" when it was torpedoed off Greenland. The Rev. Mr. Atwood was born in Albany, N. Y. He was graduated from Rutgers in 1934 and from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1937 cum laude. He pursued graduate studies during six summers at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland, and attended the Theological Seminary of Tubingen University, Germany, which he left after six months, when Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia. His first charge as associate minister was the First Reformed Church, Albany, from 1938 to 1940, when he accepted a call to the Church of the Covenant (Reformed) at Paterson, N. J. He was installed as pastor of the church at Schenectady on December 12, 1945. There the membership increased from 400 to over 1,000, and a new $650,000 church was built to replace the one which burned in 1948.

In 1957 the Rev. Mr. Atwood took courses in theology at Cambridge and preached in nine English and Scotch churches as one of 12 ministers sent by the National Council of Churches in order that closer contacts could be established between British and American churches. He was a delegate to the World Assembly of Churches in Amsterdam in 1958, and on April 28, 1959 he was inducted as moderator of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

A Still Better Organ

Under his dynamic leadership the Englewood church has been a regular hive of activity. During 1954, with Frederick C. Mayer, then organist of West Point Military Academy, as

consultant and with the loving care and technical skill of our organist, John Wright Harvey, the organ was rebuilt at a cost of $32,840. The console of the organ was given as a memorial to May Vaughn Lowe. Its excellence was increased in 1956 when an eight foot viola stop of 61 pipes was presented by Miss Mabel Moore in memory of Mrs. Mary Louise Gaylord. The organ has 41 stops and a total of 3,432 pipes and is considered as one of the finest in this area. During 1954 the church was redecorated at a cost of around $14,000, and a self-sustaining week-day co-operative Nursery School was started. The following year the church joined the Bergen County Council of Churches, and a Displaced Persons committee aided in securing work and homes for refugees. The Rev. Robert I. Miller (now assistant to the Rev. Dr. Kennedy at Union Theological Seminary) resigned May 2 when called to the Congregational Church at Winnetka, Ill. He was succeeded on August 1 by the Rev. Robert Elwood Sanders, who completed his college studies at Miami University in 1947 and, following a period in the business world, was graduated magna cum laude from Princeton Theological Seminary. Miss Helen Cellar was secured as Director of Christian Education from the East Liberty (Pittsburgh) Presbyterian Church and was installed January 13, 1956.

During 1956 the Young Adult group was formed; with the partial support of our church a full time chaplaincy was established at Englewood Hospital, and the Golden Age Group, organized under auspices of the Womens' Association, was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Zimmerman. The erection of the latest addition to the church was made possible by the donation of ground facing 190′ on Dwight Place and 350′ deep costing $20,000.

An attractive Church Newsletter made its bow on January 27, 1957. The Rev. Mr. Sanders resigned on April 28 to become assistant to the Rev. Dr. John Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. The Rev. Robert C. Strom, a graduate of Oberlin and of Princeton Theological Seminary, became assistant minister on May 19 and was installed as associate minister December 7, 1958. John Harvey resigned May 26 to become Minister of Music at the National Christian Church of Washington, D. C. He was replaced by Joseph Coutret, a graduate of the Union Theological School of Sacred Music, who started on his duties on September 26.

A new Board of Stewards, consisting of three members each from the Session and Board of Trustees and six from the congregation was approved at the annual meeting in January 1959. Its purpose is "To bring awareness, through education and information, to all members of the church of their role and responsibility as Christian stewards," and "To instill and promote the joy of giving."

To replace Miss Cellar, who became the wife of the Rev. David S. MacInnes, Miss Jane Jarrard was called as Director of Christian Education. Miss Jarrard received her B.S. degree from Keuka College, her M.A. from Hartford Seminary, and was engaged in Christian educational work at the First Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, N. Y. and the Northminster Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Illinois, before she came to us from the Larchmont Avenue Church (Presbyterian) of Larchmont, N. Y. on April 1, 1959.

Latest Building Program

The church took another forward step in 1959 with the cornerstone laying on Sunday, May 10th, and the dedication on Sunday, September 20th of the new Parish House addition; the Carl Hopkins Elmore Memorial Hall, the reconstruction of the old Parish House and the rearrangement and return to its original purpose of the Vermilye Chapel. The additional area was approximately 15,000 square feet. Including furnishings the cost was over $400,000.

The new Carl Hopkins Elmore Memorial Hall of 3,000 square feet, with an adjoining kitchen, stage, dressing rooms, showers and toilets, has a seating capacity of 300 for dining purposes, or 400 for meetings and stage performances. It provides for recreational activities such as basketball, volley ball, badminton, square dancing and Scout training. Also referred to as "Fellowship Hall," it stands as a lasting memorial to the Rev. Mr. Elmore's services extending over almost 25 years.

The new wing for Christian Education provides six light and fully equipped classrooms, and assembly rooms decorated in modern style, plus offices for the Director of Christian Education, the Youth Activities Director, the Director of Music and a new choir rehearsal room, all of modern fireproof construction.

The original Vermilye Chapel has been converted into an attractive and intimate chapel, to be used for communion services, small weddings, funerals, youth services, and other needs of the church.

In the East Wing of the Sunday School building there are now studies for the pastor, the associate minister, a conference room and an office for their secretary, an office for the parish secretary and clerical work rooms, adequately equipped. The new administrative offices pro-

vide for the efficient handling of a heavy work load. A room has been furnished as a Baby Crib where parents may leave their infants during church services. Other facilities include a kitchenette near the East Room, and rooms for flower and communion preparations adjoining the sanctuary and the reconstructed chapel. Much attention has been given to storage facilities for equipment and supplies, and the arrangement of rooms to insure proper grouping of various ages in carrying out a modern Christian Education program. The original gymnasium area on the second floor has been converted into an assembly room and three large Church School classrooms.

Church History in Worsted

The idea of presenting in worsted a history of Christianity from its beginning, and in relation to our Englewood church, followed a visit by Mrs. LeRoy Clark to Winchester Cathedral in England. She obtained and authenticated the symbols used, established their validity, had them transferred to canvas, and organized the "Broiderers," to use an old English term, whose skill produced the exquisite work that now ornaments the prie-dieu, ministerial chairs and seats in the church chancel. So far as is known Winchester Cathedral and St. Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore are the only other churches where a history in "needle pointe" of this character exists. In view of the preparation of a separate illustrated publication covering this work, details are omitted here.

Gifts and Memorials

Among other gifts were included the furnishings of the minister's study in memory of Alan M. Close; in the chapel the cross and candlesticks were given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Hildebrant, the communion table by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks Lawrence, the lectern in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bruyn and the Bible by David C. Cory and family. Furniture and equipment for the five-year-old room were given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harris and those for the Baby Fold, the one-year-old room and other children's furnishings were a gift from the Mothers' Club.

Memorial funds were given in remembrance of Mrs. Josephine H. Atkinson, Harrison R. Cady, Alfred D. Childs, Alan M. Close, Miss Katherine Gardner, Joseph A. Heinemann, Armin K. Lobeck, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morrow, wife of Dwight W. Morrow, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thornton B. Penfield and Dr. Reginald Atwater, Mrs. Ethel L. Prentice and Mrs. Sarah D. Smith.

The cornerstone of the new addition was laid with a silver trowel by the pastor, assisted by Mrs. Harold W. Jacox, clerk of the Session; Richard G. Powell, president of the Board of Trustees; J. Wallace LaPrade, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and Cortlandt B. Donaldson, chairman of the Building Committee. The ceremony followed the regular church services Sunday, May 10th.

The dedication of the new addition was held in the church sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20. Cortlandt B. Donaldson, chairman of the Building Committee, presented the keys to Richard G. Powell, president of the Board of Trustees, who accepted them in behalf of the church. He then turned them over to the Rev. Lowell C. Hine, General Presbyter, who accepted them in behalf of the Presbytery of Jersey City. The prayer of dedication and the setting apart of the buildings were offered by the Rev. Mr. Atwood. Greetings from other churches of the city were given by the Rev. Dr. James A. Mitchell, dean of Englewood clergy and rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; and by the Rev. Dr. Edwin O. Kennedy, secretary of Union Theological Seminary, New York, who was the Rev. Mr. Atwood's predecessor as pastor of the church.

Additional Committees

The new addition is the result of countless hours of hard, intelligent work on the part of three committees, as well as the generous response of members of the congregation.

The Future Development Committee, authorized at the annual meeting in 1956, after careful and extensive investigations of the immediate and future needs of the church, made its report to the congregation at a special meeting on March 31, 1957, and was authorized to continue its efforts in conjunction with the Trustees' Committee and to submit complete building plans to the congregation. At this time the original committee, of which Cortlandt B. Donaldson was chairman and Mrs. Richard G. Powell secretary, was enlarged. The Rev. Robert E. Sanders and John Wright Harvey, who had left the city, were replaced. The committee, in addition to the chairman and secretary, was comprised of Mrs. David B. Baxter, George C. Brown, Mrs. Graham Clark, Mrs. Rex C. Conner, Joseph C. Crocker, Mrs. H. Arnold Dessau, Marcus Fair, Mrs. Charles E. Farnsworth, Mrs. J. J. Newberry, Leland A. Pomeroy, Harry J. H. Ruhle, Spaulding A. Smith, Maxwell M. Upson, Arthur O. White and from the staff, the Rev. Mr. Atwood, the Rev. Robert Strom, Miss Helen E. Cellar and Raymond C. Frank.

The Building Fund Committee, authorized at a meeting of the congregation on January 26, 1958, took over the raising of funds and securing of memorials. It consisted of W. Bruce McEwen, chairman; Dr. Graham Clark, vice-chairman; Mrs. Donald Stroop, secretary, and Mrs. David Bosworth, Dana H. Cairns, Allen W. Fincke, Kenneth E. Hughes, Herbert R. Johnson, Mrs. Clarence D. Kerr, Henry G. Lahm, Harry Linkletter; and, ex-officio, the Rev. Mr. Atwood, Leland A. Pomeroy and Richard G. Powell.

The Building Committee was charged with overseeing the execution of the actual building. Harry J. H. Ruhle was chairman from Feb. 15, 1958 until February 7, 1959, when he turned the office over to Cortlandt B. Donaldson, who had been vice-chairman. Other members of the committee were: P. A. Cunnius, who became vice-chairman, Mrs. Richard G. Powell, secretary, and Mrs. David B. Baxter, Harold C. Hickock, Mrs. Walter G. Hildebrant, J. Wallace LaPrade, Mrs. J. J. Newberry and Leland A. Pomeroy.

The architects were Drake, Tuthill, Convery & Cueman, of Summit, N. J. The general contractor was the F. and C. Haerter Company of Teaneck, N. J. The Rambusch Decorating Company of New York redesigned the present Vermilye Chapel and elsewhere assisted in color suggestions.

The Rev. Mr. Atwood submitted his resignation to the Session on Tuesday, July 28, 1959, and to a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, August 25, to accept a call to the Grosse Pointe Memorial (Presbyterian) Church, Michigan, eleventh largest Presbyterian Church in the United States. At the end of his pastorate the church had 1,341 members.

THE CITY

The Englewood Hospital has approved new buildings and other improvements to cost approximately $1,700,000. Work is progressing on a new Junior high school and an auditorium to cost approximately $4,989,000 adjoining Dwight W. Morrow high school. A new elementary school, now in use, costing approximately $930,000, had its cornerstone laid November 14, 1958 by the late Assistant Secretary of Defense, Donald A. Quarles, for whom it has been named.

THE WORLD

During the past eight years the "cold war" has been close to the center of the stage. Joseph V. Stalin died March 5, 1955 and his bloody purges ceased. He was succeeded by Malenkov, Bulganin and by Nikita S. Khrushchev. During these years, with the use of tanks and terror, Russia put down revolts in East Berlin, in Poland and in Hungary. She exploded the first hydrogen bomb in August of 1953. Egypt seized the Suez Canal and was invaded by armed forces from France, Great Britain and Israel. United Nations action resulted in their withdrawal. Russia put in orbit Sputnik I, the first earth satellite, on October 4, 1957. The first American satellite went into orbit January 31, 1958. Our first atom-powered submarine visited the North Pole and made an under ice trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic. American air men are now training for a flight to the moon, the far side of which Russia has now photographed. During 1959 Hawaii and Alaska were added to the union. On June 26 President Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain formally opened the St. Lawrence Seaway.

General Mission Program

From its beginning the Englewood church has felt a strong obligation to aid in work outside the local parish, both in the United States and in far distant lands. The following amounts were invested in these efforts during 1959:

COMMISSION ON ECUMENICAL MISSION AND RELATIONS—$10,250.00

Africa Dr. and Mrs. Austin R. Wolfe, medical work, Metet, French Cameroon.

Colombia The Rev. and Mrs. J. Leslie Inglis, Girandot, where opposition to Protestant work is lessening.

Iraq The Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Davenport, Jr., Baghdad, from which Communist opposition resulted in their temporary expulsion.

Pakistan The Rev. and Mrs. Rhea Ewing, Forman Christian College, Lahore, from which many of the nation's leaders have come.

Thailand The Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Vernon, Bangkok, a strategic Southeast Asian nation, where the church needs strengthening.

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS—$10,600.00

Alaska The Rev. Keith LeMay at Presbyterian-owned Radio Station KSEW, Sitka.

Arizona Miss Katherine B. Davis, Director of Christian Education, Papago Indian Reservation, Santa Rosa.

Cuba The Rev. Orestes Gonzales, pastor at Nueva Paz and Vegas churches.

Illinois The Rev. Marshall L. Scott, Dean, Presbyterian Institute of Industrial Relations, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

New York The Rev. Grant Williams, Laconia Community Presbyterian Church, Bronx.

Tennessee The Rev. George F. Totten, pastor, Millington.

Virginia The Rev. Thomas B. Hargrave, pastor, Federal Housing Project, Portsmouth.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—$3,150.00

Maryland The Rev. Burrett E. McBee, pastor, Westminster Foundation, Naval Students' Center, Annapolis.

FOREIGN STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS—$2,650.00

Union Theological Seminary, begun during the Rev. Dr. Kennedy's ministry.
Princeton Theological Seminary, started during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Atwood.
These fellowships have been used by clergymen and religious workers from Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARDS AND AGENCIES—$12,400.00

For the support of the work of the Board of Pensions, education in Theological seminaries and colleges, Church Extension and General Services for Christian work at home and abroad.

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY—$4,400.00

For the support of the work of the Synod, including maintenance for Presbyterian Homes for the Aged at Belvidere and Haddonfield, Bloomfield college, Synod Radio and Television Programs, Westminster Foundation, Summer Camp Training Programs, New Church Development and the New Jersey Council of Churches.

MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES—$45,475.77

Church's Ministry for Servicemen

Englewood Hospital Chaplaincy Fund

Bergen County Council of Churches

National Council of Churches

World Council of Churches

Presbyterian Welfare Fund

The Rev. A. E. Inbanathan, chaplain, Vellore Medical School, Vellore, India.

Grant to seminary students under the care of Presbytery.

To missionaries and foreign fellows for traveling expenses.

To Minister's Discretionary Fund.

TOTAL GENERAL MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS—$58,309.72

The Congregation ($47,520.03)
Budget
One Great Hour of Sharing
Christmas gifts to missionaries.

Wolfe scholarship in school in West Africa —individual.

Women's Association ($6,632.87)
Jersey City Presbyterial
Other benevolences

Adult Fellowship ($60.00)
Wolfe scholarship in school in West Africa.

Church School and Youth Benevolences ($1,750.00)

Minister's Discretionary Fund ($2,346.82)

Church Government

Those familiar with the constitution and government of the United States know something about the government of the Presbyterian Church, as it was the pattern for the framers of the country's constitution. In it all communicant members are eligible for office, if elected by the congregation.

The following pastors have served as the spiritual heads of the church during the past century:

	Installed	Terminated
James Harrison Dwight	June 20, 1860	May 1, 1867
Henry Matthias Booth	Sept. 19, 1867	Apr. 30, 1891
James Eells	Sept. 24, 1891	Feb. 21, 1898
Samuel Munce Hamilton	May 2, 1899	July 1, 1908
Robert Davis	May 19, 1910	May 1, 1919
Carl Hopkins Elmore	May 18, 1920	June 1, 1944
Edwin Oliver Kennedy	July 1, 1944	July 1, 1952
Bertram deHeus Atwood	April 26, 1953	Sept. 30, 1959

To give the credit which they so richly deserve to the men and women who have served our church over the past century is a task in which, quoting from Paul's letter to the Hebrews, ". . . time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jepthah, David, Samuel . . ." Some slight measure of their services may be gained by the listings of names of those who have served on the various boards, showing the first date on which they were ordained or installed, with symbols "E" for elders, "D" for deacons and "T" for trustees, with the symbol followed by the number of times they have served in these offices.

The Session

At the head of the government of our church is the Board of Elders, or the Session, as the present board is called. Its moderator is the minister. It is a rotating board, as are our other boards, and has at present 18 members—12 men and six women—who serve for three years, so that six members are elected each year. The Session is responsible for: Christian Education, General Missions, Music, Worship and Church Membership.

		D	*T*	*Ordained*
Sheppard Homans	E-2	D-1	T-2	June 13, 1860
Charles A. Nichols				June 13, 1860
James Vanderbeek				June 13, 1860
J. Wyman Jones		D-1	T-2	June 15, 1861
George S. Gray				June 15, 1861
Frank B. Nichols				June 15, 1861
Livingston K. Miller				June 26, 1867
Henry W. Banks				June 2, 1869
David Hoadley				June 2, 1869
Washington R. Vermilye				June 2, 1869
Charles H. Waterbury		D-1	T-1	April 23, 1874
George Simmons Coe	E-3		T-1	April 22, 1874
Elbert A. Brinckerhoff			T-1	February 21, 1877
William G. Vermilye		D-1		February 21, 1877
Henry Jones		D-1		May 2, 1888
J. Hugh Peters				November 8, 1891
Edwin D. Foster		D-1		November 8, 1891
Charles F. Park		D-1		November 8, 1891
Samuel M. Riker		D-1		April 25, 1894
Louis Vermilye Davison		D-1		April 27, 1898
Frederick B. Schenck				April 27, 1898
Garry Vanderbeek				April 26, 1899
Edwin M. Bulkley				April 26, 1899
George H. Payson	E-3	D-1	T-4	April 26, 1905
Robert E. Speer				April 26, 1905
William L. Pierce			T-1	April 26, 1905
William Morris Imbrie				April 26, 1905
F. Murray Olyphant				April 26, 1905
William Dulles				May 5, 1907
John F. Fitschen	E-2	D-1		May 5, 1907
Frederick Snare				May 5, 1907
T. H. Powers Sailer	E-6			May 5, 1912
Justus I. Wakelee	E-2	D-1		May 5, 1912
John Winthrop Loveland		D-1		May 4, 1913
Thomas Carter	E-2			May 4, 1913
Edwin Holmes				May 4, 1913
Robert Haskell Cory	E-6	D-1	T-3	May 4, 1913
Arthur E. Foote		D-1		May 2, 1915
H. Rowland Vermilye		D-2	T-1	May 2, 1915
Henry W. Blake	E-3			May 1, 1916
Oliver S. Lyford	E-7			May 1, 1917

		D	T	Ordained
John C. Kerr	E-3	D-1		May 5, 1918
Cornelius P. Kitchel	E-3	D-1	T-3	May 5, 1918
James H. Prentice	E-4	D-2	T-1	May 5, 1918
Clarence M. Fincke		D-1	T-3	May 11, 1919
Thomas J. George				May 11, 1919
Stuart Lyman	E-6	D-1		May 2, 1920
Herbert G. Lowe	E-2			May 2, 1920
Hugh Hazelton	E-4	D-1		May 2, 1920
Fred S. Bennett				April 27, 1921
Clarence D. Kerr	E-7	D-1		April 27, 1921
Nathan A. Smyth				April 26, 1922
Paul deN. Burrowes	E-6	D-1		April 25, 1923
Charles F. Park, Jr.				April 25, 1923
James S. Gilbert	E-2			April 23, 1924
A. Hicks Lawrence	E-4	D-2		April 23, 1924
George C. Sprague	E-4			April 22, 1925
Richard R. B. Powell			T-2	April 22, 1925
Franklin A. Gaylord	E-4			April 20, 1927
Alvin D. Holman				April 20, 1927
George G. Humphrey	E-2	D-1		April 20, 1927
William J. Barnes				April 25, 1928
Frederick Smyth Duncan	E-3		T-4	April 25, 1928
D. Willis French			T-1	April 22, 1931
Joseph N. Murray				April 22, 1931
John F. Prentice	E-3			April 22, 1931
Robert H. Jacobs				April 27, 1932
Raymond F. Smith	E-5	D-1		April 27, 1932
Edward S. Rudloff	E-2		T-1	April 26, 1933
Donald V. Lowe		D-1	T-1	April 26, 1933
Ralph G. McCurdy	E-3			April 26, 1933
De Witte Wycoff				April 25, 1934
Charles N. Schenck		D-1	T-1	April 25, 1934
Marcus A. Fair	E-3		T-1	April 21, 1937
Roy R. Zimmerman	E-2			April 21, 1937
Edward W. Benner	E-2	D-1		April 20, 1938
Henry C. Fenn				April 19, 1939
Haydock H. Miller	E-2	D-1		April 17, 1940
Herbert R. Johnson	E-4	D-1	T-7	April 17, 1940
Harry S. Clark, Jr.		D-1		April 30, 1941
George L. Cory				April 30, 1941
Raymond F. Gardner				April 30, 1941
Harris E. Adriance, Jr.		D-2	T-2	April 28, 1943
Andrew W. Crawford		D-1		April 28, 1943
Marshall L. Umpleby (Resigned)				April 28, 1943
George R. Bailey	E-3	D-1		April 28, 1943
Thomas J. Price				April 19, 1944
Ernest R. Lilley				April 19, 1944
J. Frederick Segelcke				April 19, 1944
Francis W. Harkness		D-1		April 15, 1945
Spaulding A. Smith	E-2		T-1	April 28, 1946
Harry L. Stearns	E-3			April 28, 1946
Alfred W. Reid		D-1		April 26, 1947
William Evans				February 1, 1948
Albert L. Metzger				February 1, 1948
Wilkin E. Thomas		D-1		February 1, 1948
Kenneth B. Baker				January 30, 1949
Henry G. Lahm	E-2	D-1	T-1	January 30, 1949
Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow			T-1	January 30, 1949
Mrs. Paul deN. Burrowes				January 30, 1949
Lowell T. Aistrup		D-1		January 22, 1950
Miss Katherine Gardner		D-1		January 22, 1950
Wilbur J. Smith				January 22, 1950
Mrs. Armin K. Lobeck				February 4, 1951
Christian S. Lorentzen				February 4, 1951
Richard G. Powell		D-1	T-2	February 4, 1951
Cortlandt B. Donaldson		D-1	T-2	January 27, 1952
Charles L. Kessler				January 27, 1952
Mrs. Ernest R. Lilley				January 27, 1952
Mrs. W. J. Calvert				February 1, 1953
Maxwell M. Upson		D-1	T-3	April 16, 1953
John A. Wilson				February 1, 1953
Harold W. Anway			T-1	May 2, 1953
Alfred F. Brady, Jr.		D-1		February 14, 1954
George C. Brown				February 14, 1954
Mrs. Harold W. Jacox	E-2			February 14, 1954
William F. Wells	E-2			February 14, 1954
Mrs. Raymond F. Smith				February 14, 1954
Rex C. Conner				February 6, 1955
Halsey Lasher				February 6, 1955
George H. Link				February 6, 1955
Mrs. J. J. Newberry			T-1	February 6, 1955
Mrs. Clesson O. Poole				February 6, 1955
Arthur O. White		D-1		February 6, 1955
Mrs. Richard G. Powell				February 6, 1955
Miss Olive E. Place		D-1		February 5, 1956
Mrs. Harold P. Atkinson				February 5, 1956
J. Fred Hicks				February 5, 1956
Dana H. Cairns		D-1		February 10, 1957
J. Wallace LaPrade		D-1		February 10, 1957
Mrs. W. Bruce McEwen				February 10, 1957
John Rosengrant				February 10, 1957
Dr. Graham Clark				February 9, 1958
Mrs. Janet Johnston		D-1		February 9, 1958
Woodley B. Osborne		D-1		February 9, 1958
Stuart Soyster		D-1		February 9, 1958
Mrs. A. H. Stockder				February 9, 1958
Mrs. David C. Cory				February 8, 1959
Clive L. Dill, Jr.				February 8, 1959
Dr. Paul Gillen				February 8, 1959
Theodore R. Lilley		D-1		February 8, 1959
Mrs. Haydock H. Miller				February 8, 1959
Herman A. Streller				February 8, 1959
H. William Koch, Jr.				February 7, 1960
James W. Kuhn				February 7, 1960
Leland A. Pomeroy		D-1		February 7, 1960
Singleton A. Traugott			T-3	February 7, 1960
Mrs. Paul Germond				February 7, 1960
Mrs. Beverly H. Swango				February 7, 1960

Clerks of the Session

	Elected
Sheppard Homans	June 25, 1860
J. Wyman Jones	October 5, 1861
George S. Gray	June 3, 1864
Frank B. Nichols	September 21, 1866
Henry M. Banks	June 1, 1869
William G. Vermilye	September 15, 1877
Charles H. Waterbury	July 2, 1890
William G. Vermilye	November 14, 1891
Edwin D. Foster	December 23, 1891
Charles F. Park	June 24, 1894
Louis Vermilye Davison	November 5, 1906
Stuart Lyman	May 2, 1920
George C. Sprague	May 17, 1929
Raymond F. Smith	June 3, 1938
George R. Bailey	January 29, 1948
Lois K. Jacox (Mrs. H. W.)	February 14, 1954

The Deacons

The Deacons, also number 18, are equally divided between men and women. Being a deacon is the best possible training for becoming an elder. They are responsible for the calling program, preparing the communion elements, distributing flowers to the sick, obtaining sponsors for new members, providing ushers for the worship services and for hospitality after church services. Most are young, vigorous members.

		E	*T*	*Ordained*
John J. DeMott				July 1, 1860
J. Wyman Jones		E-1	T-2	July 1, 1860
Sheppard Homans		E-2	T-2	June 30, 1861
Cort L. Vanderbeek				June 15, 1864
Jeffries A. Humphrey			T-2	June 14, 1865
Byron Murray, Jr.		E-1	T-1	June 25, 1867
Selah B. Strong				June 2, 1870
Henry Jones		E-1		June 15, 1870
Charles H. Waterbury		E-1	T-1	June 12, 1872
J. S. Wells				June 12, 1872
Edwin D. Foster		E-1		April 23, 1873
William G. Vermilye				April 21, 1875
Charles F. Park		E-1		April 12, 1876
James W. Sellick			T-1	April 25, 1877
Samuel M. Riker		E-1		April 26, 1882
Barstow Drake Smith				April 26, 1882
Livingston A. Miller				May 2, 1888
Garret Vanderbeek				May 2, 1888
George H. Payson		E-3	T-4	December 6, 1891
John W. Pitkin				December 6, 1891
W. G. Vermilye, Jr.				December 6, 1891
Stuart Lyman		E-6		May 31, 1893
Louis Vermilye Davison		E-1		June 6, 1894
John F. Fitschen		E-2		April 28, 1898
John C. Kerr		E-3		April 28, 1898
Theodore L. Peters				April 30, 1899
H. Rowland Vermilye	D-2	E-1	T-1	May 10, 1903
John W. Loveland		E-1		April 27, 1904
James H. Prentice	D-2	E-4	T-1	May 7, 1905
George G. Humphrey		E-2		April 25, 1906
Justus I. Wakelee		E-2		May 5, 1907
Robert H. Cory		E-6	T-1	May 5, 1907
Henry W. Blake		E-2		May 2, 1909
Arthur E. Foote		E-1		May 5, 1912
Clarence D. Kerr		E-7		May 5, 1912
Cornelius P. Kitchel		E-3	T-3	May 3, 1914
W. Irving Glover				May 3, 1914
Murray Olyphant	D-3			May 2, 1915
Charles F. Park, Jr.	D-2		T-1	May 2, 1915
H. LeRoy Pitkin			T-1	May 1, 1916
Malcolm Campbell				May 1, 1916
George D. Baker				May 1, 1916
Thomas J. George				May 1, 1916
Clarence M. Fincke		E-1	T-3	May 5, 1918
Hugh Hazelton		E-4		May 5, 1918
James F. McKinney			T-1	May 5, 1918
William S. Slade				May 5, 1918
Maxwell M. Upson		E-1	T-3	May 11, 1919
Cameron Blaikie				May 2, 1920
A. Hicks Lawrence	D-2	E-4		May 2, 1920
F. A. Judson				May 2, 1920
Walter G. Hildebrant			T-1	May 2, 1920
Paul deN. Burrowes		E-6		April 27, 1921
Charles D. Schenck		E-1	T-1	April 27, 1921
Sheldon S. Yates				April 27, 1921
Harris E. Adriance, Jr.	D-2	E-1	T-2	April 26, 1922
Malcolm B. Lowe			T-1	April 26, 1922
J. Wright Taussig			T-3	April 26, 1922
Hugh Peters	D-2			April 26, 1922
Walter H. Merritt			T-2	April 25, 1923
Herbert R. Johnson		E-4	T-7	April 25, 1923
Robert C. Gambee	D-2			April 25, 1923
Walter B. Carnes				April 23, 1924
Earle Talbot			T-1	April 23, 1924
Donald V. Lowe		E-1	T-1	April 22, 1925
Stephen V. Hopkins				April 22, 1925
Walter T. Churchill				April 22, 1925
Joseph N. Murray				April 21, 1926
Andrew W. Crawford		E-1		April 20, 1927
Alfred F. Brady			T-2	April 20, 1927
Clifford Horace Tuttle				April 20, 1927
Raymond F. Smith		E-4		April 25, 1928
Robert H. Jacobs		E-1		April 25, 1928
F. Samuel Grandin			T-2	April 25, 1928
Haydock H. Miller		E-2		April 25, 1928
Charles Newton Schenck		E-1	T-1	April 22, 1931
Arthur C. Lewis	D-3			April 22, 1931
Harry S. Clark, Jr.	D-3	E-1		April 22, 1931
William N. Tilton				April 25, 1934
Edward W. Benner		E-2		April 24, 1935
David C. Cory			T-1	April 21, 1937
John Frederick Segelcke				April 19, 1939
George R. Bailey		E-3		April 30, 1941
Harold P. Atkinson				April 30, 1941
Francis M. Harkness		E-1		April 22, 1942
Alfred W. Reid		E-1		April 28, 1943
David B. Baxter				April 19, 1944
Mrs. Cortlandt B. Donaldson				January 26, 1947
Kenneth B. Baker				January 26, 1947
Edward P. McKee				January 26, 1947
Mrs. James S. Baker				January 26, 1947
Miss Katherine Gardner				January 26, 1947

		E	T	Ordained
Wilkin E. Thomas				January 26, 1947
Mrs. David B. Baxter				January 26, 1947
Mrs. Albert C. Lord			T-1	January 26, 1947
Herbert W. Gude				January 26, 1947
Henry G. Lahm		E-2	T-1	February 1, 1948
James W. Darrow	D-2			February 1, 1948
Lowell T. Aistrup		E-1		February 1, 1948
Alfred F. Brady, Jr.		E-1		February 1, 1948
Mrs. Edward W. Clarke				February 1, 1948
Mrs. Arthur Hartwell				February 1, 1948
Mrs. H. Arnold Dessau			T-2	January 30, 1949
Cortlandt B. Donaldson		E-1	T-2	January 30, 1949
Mrs. Allen W. Fincke				January 30, 1949
Richard G. Powell		E-1	T-2	January 30, 1949
Miss Olive M. Lyford				January 22, 1950
Miss Olive E. Place		E-1		January 22, 1950
Edwin C. Robart, Jr.				January 22, 1950
Dr. Albert W. Schilke				January 22, 1950
Mrs. Alfred F. Brady, Sr.				February 4, 1951
Clesson O. Poole				February 4, 1951
Mrs. Holger Sorensen				February 4, 1951
Arthur O. White		E-1		February 4, 1951
Mrs. George H. Link				January 27, 1952
Mrs. Edward P. McKee				January 27, 1952
John M. Templeton			T-1	January 27, 1952
Joseph E. Woodson			T-1	January 27, 1952
Charles L. Brooks			T-1	February 1, 1953
Mrs. Janet Johnston		E-1		February 1, 1953
Mrs. W. Bruce McEwen		E-1		February 1, 1953
Philip A. Slutz				February 1, 1953
Mrs. Dana Cairnes				February 14, 1954
Mrs. Herbert P. Carter				February 14, 1954
Joseph C. Crocker, Jr.				February 14, 1954
Henry T. Emmons				February 14, 1954
Woodley Osborne		E-1		February 14, 1954
Mrs. Kenneth E. Hughes				February 14, 1954
Miss Elizabeth Clulow				February 14, 1954
Harold G. Hesse, Jr.				February 6, 1955
Mrs. Harold C. Hickock				February 6, 1955
Mrs. Ralph I. Poucher				February 6, 1955
Laurence C. Tuttle				February 6, 1955
Verne L. Whitacre				February 6, 1955
Mrs. Paul Germond		E-1		February 5, 1956
J. Wallace LaPrade		E-1		February 5, 1956
Leland A. Pomeroy		E-1		February 5, 1956
Mrs. Thomas Ridenour				February 5, 1956
Miss Laura Tsu				February 5, 1956
Stuart Soyster		E-1		February 5, 1956
Omar Burgess				February 10, 1957
Sheldon Y. Carnes				February 10, 1957
Mrs. George Delany				February 10, 1957
Mrs. Joseph H. Krug				February 10, 1957
Mrs. Beverly Swango		E-1		February 10, 1957
Theodore R. Lilley		E-1		February 10, 1957
Mrs. Harry Linkletter				February 10, 1957
Robert Chilton				February 10, 1957
Francis H. Anderson				February 9, 1958
Miss Jeanne Cunnius				February 9, 1958
Robert L. Harris				February 9, 1958
Charles A. McDougal				February 9, 1958
Miss Jane Prull				February 9, 1958
Mrs. Wilkin E. Thomas				February 9, 1958
Mrs. M. G. Arnemann				February 8, 1959
Mrs. Rex C. Conner				February 8, 1959
Leonard C. Hopkins				February 8, 1959
A. William Reid, Jr.				February 8, 1959
Donald J. Stroop				February 8, 1959
Mrs. J. H. Van Etten				February 8, 1959
Miss Agnes Cheritree				February 8, 1959
James E. Edmonds				February 7, 1960
William Hayes				February 7, 1960
Thomas W. Ridenour				February 7, 1960
Seward Smith				February 7, 1960
Mrs. Robert E. Egan				February 7, 1960
Mrs. Albert Schilke				February 7, 1960
Mrs. Hope H. Miller				February 7, 1960
Mrs. Harry S. Clark, Jr.				February 7, 1960

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the legal holding company of all church property and is delegated by state law to care for the buildings and grounds, investments, and all financial matters having to do with the operations of the church. On it are nine men and three women. Its committees include Buildings and Grounds, Budget, Investments and Arts and Memorials.

		E	*D*	*Year Inducted*
Sheppard Homans	T-2	E-2	D-1	Original
J. Wyman Jones	T-2	E-1	D-1	Original
John E. Van Brunt	T-2			Original
I. Smith Homans				1861
Nathan T. Johnson				1862
Byron Murray, Jr.			D-1	1862
William B. Dwight				1863
Jeffries A. Humphrey	T-2		D-1	1865
Lebbeus Chapman, Jr.				1865
Henry A. Lyman				1866
Daniel Drake Smith			D-1	1866
Charles H. Waterbury		E-1	D-1	1866
James C. Morse				1867
George S. Coe		E-3		1871
William Hart Smith				1871
D. W. Geer				1871
Jacob S. Wetmore				1874
James S. Selleck			D-1	1875
Vincent Tilyou				1876
Elbert A. Brinckerhoff		E-1		1877
James G. Brown				1877
Donald Mackay				1878
John E. Miller				1879
Ezra C. Dillingham				1884
Frederick S. Duncan	T-4	E-3		1901
Wilbur F. Corliss	T-2			1906
Samuel S. Campbell	T-3			1912
Josiah R. Melcher	T-4			1912
Dwight W. Morrow	T-2			1912
Thomas W. Lamont	T-2			1912
George H. Payson	T-4	E-3	D-1	1913
William L. Pierce		E-1		1916
Frederick M. Burr				1918
Malcolm S. Mackay	T-3			1921
Gerardus L. Miller	T-2			1921
Harold A. Sinclair				1922
Robert C. Post	T-4			1922
H. Rowland Vermilye		E-1	D-2	1923
Oscar W. Jeffrey				1923
Clinton V. Meserole				1924
H. LeRoy Pitkin			D-1	1924
Cornelius P. Kitchel	T-3	E-3	D-1	1925
Maxwell M. Upson	T-3	E-1	D-1	1925
Herbert R. Johnson	T-7	E-4	D-1	1926
Charles F. Park, Jr.				1926
James H. Prentice		E-4	D-2	1927
J. Wright Taussig	T-3		D-1	1927
Clarence M. Fincke	T-3	E-1	D-1	1927
Robert C. Cory	T-3	E-6	D-1	1928
D. Willis French		E-1		1928
Charles W. Osborne				1929
Thomas R. Cox				1930
Walter G. Hildebrant			D-1	1930
Bruce R. Tuttle				1931
F. Samuel Grandin	T-2		D-1	1932
Earle Talbot			D-1	1932
James F. McKinney			D-1	1933
Richard Prosser				1933
Charles H. B. Chapin				1933
Charles D. Schenck		E-1	D-1	1934
Edward C. Hartshorne				1934
Richard R. B. Powell	T-2	E-1		1936
Edward S. Rudloff		E-2		1936
Charles W. Frazier				1937
Malcolm Mackay, Jr.				1937
Murray Olyphant				1938
Alfred F. Brady	T-2			1939
Harris E. Adriance, Jr.	T-2	E-1	D-2	1939
Eric Lagemann	T-2			1940
Royal C. Murray				1940
Singleton A. Traugott	T-3	E-1		1940
Donald V. Lowe	T-2	E-1	D-1	1941
Clifford W. Burnham				1942
Alfred F. Brady	T-2		D-1	1943
Albert C. Lord				1943
Spaulding A. Smith		E-2		1944
Mrs. Malcolm S. Mackay				1945
Mrs. Henry S. Leiper	T-2			1946
George G. Tennant, Jr.	T-3			1946
Mrs. C. W. Gallup				1947
Mrs. Joel S. Coffin (now Mrs. Henry Theis)				1947
John A. Cook				1947
George Oliva				1947
David C. Cory			D-1	1947
A. Sumner Gambee				1948
Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow		E-1		1948
Harry J. H. Ruhle	T-4			1948
Philip L. Gill				1949
Malcolm B. Lowe			D-1	1949
Mrs. William B. Scarborough				1949
James H. Townsend				1949

	E	D	Year Inducted
Mrs. Andrew W. Crawford			1950
Allen W. Fincke			1950
Ralph I. Poucher			1950
Marcus R. Fair		E-3	1951
Walter H. Merritt	T-2	D-1	1951
Mrs. Charles W. Frazier			1952
Henry G. Lahm		E-2 D-1	1952
Richard G. Powell	T-2	E-1 D-1	1952
Mrs. H. Arnold Dessau	T-2		1953
Adger S. Johnson			1953
William C. Miller, Jr.	T-2		1953
Douglas M. Dunbar			1954
Mrs. Albert C. Lord		D-1	1954
W. Bruce McEwen			1954
Mrs. Graham Clark			1955
Cortlandt B. Donaldson	T-2	E-1	1955
Joseph E. Woodson		D-1	1955
Mrs. Eugene Rossi			1956
Theodore H. Skinner			1956
Charles L. Brooks		D-1	1957
Mrs. Walter G. Hildebrant			1957
John M. Templeton		D-1	1957
Harold W. Anway	E-1		1958
Harold C. Hickock			1958
Mrs. J. J. Newberry	E-1		1958
Alfred H. Drewes			1959
O. Carlysle McCandless			1959
P. A. Cunnius			1960
James F. Colthrup			1960
Kenneth E. Hughes			1960
Mrs. Allen W. Fincke			1960

Treasurers

Jeffries A. Humphrey	Original
Hobart Van Zandt	June 2, 1862
Garry Vanderbeek	June 1, 1863
Jeffries A. Humphrey	June 21, 1865
Charles H. Waterbury	June 15, 1866
Byron Murray, Jr.	June 26, 1867
Washington R. Vermilye	June 14, 1871
Jeffries A. Humphrey	April 12, 1876
John E. Miller	April 23, 1879
James H. Prentice	Date unlisted
Singleton S. Traugott	Date unlisted
F. Samuel Grandin	Date unlisted
Harold P. Atkinson	Date unlisted
David B. Baxter, asst.	Date unlisted

Board of Stewards

The new Board of Stewards was formed in January, 1959, with 12 members:

Dr. Graham Clark	O. C. McCandless
W. Bruce McEwen	Herman A. Streller
Mrs. Charles D. Roberts	William G. Wing
John Templeton	
Harold W. Anway	Elected 1960
Dana H. Cairns	John J. Radel
Kenneth E. Hughes	Malcolm E. Sample
Mrs. B. H. Swango	Mrs. Warren Delvanthal
Henry G. Lahm	Mrs. John W. Taussig, Jr.

Other Organization Histories

In addition to the material in this brochure there has been a great deal of research done on the histories of the various church organizations. This material has been typed and is in folders in the church records where it may be consulted. These include histories of Christian Education, the Women's Association, Men's Council, Ladies' Aid, Young Marrieds, Adult Fellowship, the Westminster Fellowships, Boy and Girl Scouting organizations and church music. Officers and committees connected with these organizations as well as the church staff may be found in filed copies of the annual reports of the church.



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